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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, JM  
SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON PARTY CALL FOR PM TO RESIGN

1. MAY 31 DAILY GLEANER, NO FRIED OF THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT,  
HAS A FRONT PAGE REPORT ENTITLED "WILL PNP ASK MANLEY TO RESIGN?"  
THE GLEANER, ATTRIBUTING ITS REPORT TO "USUALLY RELIABLE PNP  
SOURCES", ALLEGED THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE PNP  
WILL CALL ON MANLEY TO RESIGN AS PARTY LEADER AND PRIME MINISTER.  
THE CALL FOR RESIGNATION WAS TO HAVE  
BEEN MADE AT A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON  
MAY 28, BUT THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
REQUEST BECAUSE OF VISITS OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT FROM NORWAY  
AND ANGOLA. THE GLEANER REPORT CONCLUDES BY SAYING "IT IS  
UNDERSTOOD" THE NEC WILL MEET ON A DATE TO BE FIXED AFTER  
VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ LEAVES, I.E. AFTER JUNE 2.

2. EMBOFFS WERE TOLD BY OPPOSITION JLP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
THAT PNP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET  
ON JUNE 3; VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL HAVE LEFT  
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JAMAICA THE NIGHT BEFORE. THIS SOURCE ALSO CLAIMS A  
GROUP OF SOME 30 PNP MODERATES IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
IS BEHIND MOVE TO PUSH FOR MANLEY'S RESIGNATION. THEY  
WILL NOT FORCE HIM TO RESIGN BUT WILL EXERT PRESSURE  
TO THIS END. IT IS APPARENTLY THIS GROUP THAT IS  
KEEPING JLP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE DUMP  
MANLEY GROUP IN THE PNP (KINGSTON 4029).

3. COMMENT: RUMORS OF MANLEY'S STEPPING DOWN HAVE BEEN RIFE FOR MONTHS - AND PROBABLY LONGER. AT LEAST UNTIL THE MOST RECENT APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEWLY CREATED UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL'S POST AT THE UN, THE RUMORS HAD MANLEY BEING APPOINTED TO ONE OF THESE POSTS. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATIONS FROM PNP SOURCES THAT THERE IS ANY MOVE AFOOT TO GET THE PRIME MINISTER TO STEP DOWN. IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THOUGH THAT THE PARTY POLS AND CERTAIN PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE DECIDED THAT THE PM SHOULD GO FOR THE FUTURE GOOD OF THE PARTY.

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